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Z 140537Z FEB 79
FM AMEMBASSY KABUL
TO SECSTATE WASHDC FLASH 2158
AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD FLASH

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E.O. 12065: N/A

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SUBJ: KIDNAPPING OF AMBASSADOR DUBS: SITREP NO. 3

REF: (A) KABUL 1060, (B) KABUL 1061

1. POL COUNS. FLATIN HAS PHONED AGAIN FROM HOTEL KABUL TO SAY THAT AFGHAN POLICE ARE NOW BEING ADVISED IN THIS MATTER BY A SOVIET POLICE ADVISOR WHO APPEARED CALM AND THOROUGHLY COMPETENT. I REPEATED TO FLATIN OUR INSTRUCTIONS THAT OUR EXPERIENCE WITH TERRORISTS INDICATES THAT PATIENCE AND NO PRECIPITOUS ACTION SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN. ALSO, THAT NO FURTHER ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN WITHOUT WASHINGTON INSTRUCTIONS.

2. ACCORDING TO THE AMBASSADOR'S DRIVER, THE AMBASSADOR'S VEHICLE WAS STOPPED BY A UNIFORMED TRAFFIC POLICEMAN. AFTER THE CAR WAS STOPPED, THREE OTHER INDIVIDUALS APPROACHED THE CAR, ONE OF WHOM WAS IN AN AFGHAN POLICE UNIFORM. ALL WERE ARMED AND ALL SPOKE LOCAL DARI DIALECT. AMERICAN WIFE OF MISSION OFFICER WHO WITNESSED EVENT SAID INDIVIDUALS APPEARED TO BE BETWEEN 25 AND 30 YEARS OLD. THEY TOOK AMBASSADOR FROM SCENE ON FOOT. AMSTUTZ -

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